Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for trading, the method comprising the steps of:

providing, from a computer-based system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor, indications designed to permit secondary trading between current holders of the futures contracts and prospective holders of the futures contracts.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, in which the at least one futures contract comprise at least one a futures contract fund.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising executing a trade of the at least one futures contract.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an indication of at least one term of the at least one futures contract.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an indication of a trading status of the at least one futures contract.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing data related to the at least one futures contract.

7. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

causing a system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts, to provide indications designed to permit secondary trading between current holders of the futures contracts and prospective holders of the futures

contracts, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing analysis tools related to the at least one futures contract.

9. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

causing a system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts to allow access to a listing of futures contracts, to allow selection of the at least one futures contract from the listing, and to facilitate a trade including the at least one futures contract, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor.

10. (currently amended) A method for trading, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a listing of futures contracts associated with a computer-based system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts that includes, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor;

selecting the at least one futures contract from the listing, and

executing a trade including the at least one futures contract.

11. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

causing a system to standardize at least one term related to a plurality of futures contracts for a secondary market of futures contracts, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one futures contract includes a futures contracts fund.

13. (previously presented)The method of claim 1, in which the future performance includes at least one of a sport performance and an artistic performance.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising viewing a term of the at least one futures contracts.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, in which the future performance includes at least one of a sport performance and an artistic performance.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one term includes at least one of a term of the at least one futures contract.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising: utilizing analysis tools related to the at least one futures contract.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein making the future payment includes making a payment to the obligor at a date identified by the at least one futures contract.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein executing the trade includes matching of a buy offer and a sell offer.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one term includes at least one of a term of the ~~structure of~~ obligations.

21. (currently amended) A method for standardizing information, the method comprising the steps of: standardizing, by a computer-based system, at least one term related to a plurality of futures contracts for a secondary market, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein making the future payment includes making a payment to the obligor at a date identified by the at least one futures contract.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising categorizing the plurality of futures contracts.

24. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:
providing an indication of a futures contract to a computer-based system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts, in which the futures contracts is based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, in which the future performance includes at least one of a sport performance and an artistic performance.

26. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

causing the system to provide an indication of a futures contract to a computer-based system designed to provide information about a secondary market for a plurality of futures contracts, in which the futures contracts are based on underlying obligations ~~of a structure~~ in which the futures contract obligates a holder of the futures contract to make a future payment obligation of an obligee to an obligor and entitles the holder to control a future performance obligation of the obligor; and

a processor configured to execute the instructions.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, in which the future performance includes at least one of a sport performance and an artistic performance.